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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 5-19 and 22 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendment dated 9/28/06 has overcame the previous 112 rejection. The current claims call for a "a particular image judgment step of, if it is judged at said object image judgment step that said image data has a resolution equal to or higher than the predetermined resolution and said attribute information indicates an image, judging whether or not said image data represents a particular image, and, if it is judged at said object image judgment step either that said image data has a resolution less than the predetermined resolution or that said attribute information does not represent indicate an image, not judging whether or not said image data represents the particular image;" While the prior art discloses various techniques for the prevention of counterfeiting documents, none explicitly discloses the above limitation in combination with the other limitations of the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yixing Qin whose telephone number is (571)272-7381. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Lamb can be reached on (571)272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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